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SUBJECT: CURRENT OPEC ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETINGS

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SUMMARY. MUM'S THE WORD ON PROGRESS OF OPEC ECONOMIC COMMISSION

DELIBERATIONS IN VIENNA. OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING APPEARS STILL
SET FOR DEC. 22. IN TEHRAN. END SUMMARY.

1. OPEC'S ECONOMIC COMMISSION, WHICH BEGAN MEETINGS IN VIENNA
DEC. 17, WAS STILL HAVING SESSIONS LATE AFTERNOON VIENNA
TIME, DEC. 19. HOWEVER, DESPITE HINT TO EMBOFF ON DEC. 18
BY VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR THAT OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING MIGHT
BE HELD IN VIENNA RATHER THAN TEHRAN, OPEC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
STILL TELLING INQUIRERS THAT MEETING SET FOR TEHRAN DEC. 22.

2. ACCORDING OPEC SPOKESMAN, THE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES BEING
RECEIVED FROM NEWSPAPERMEN HERE AND BY TELEPHONE
FROM ABROAD, ARE BEING ANSWERED WITH STANDARD REPLY THAT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS ARE STRICTLY TECHNICAL AND FOR
INTERNAL USE, AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNIQUE OR PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THEIR CLOSE. SPOKESMAN HAS STRICT INSTRUCTIONS
NOT TO DIVULGE ANY SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION TO PRESS ON
COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS.

3. OPEC INFORMATION DEPT. HAS NO LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN CURRENT
MEETINGS AVAILABLE FOR PRESS BUT SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT ATTENDEES
WERE TOP OIL ECONOMISTS AND TECHNICIANS FROM MEMBERS COUNTRIES.
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